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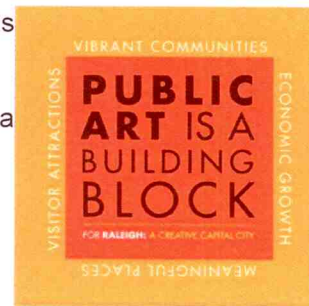
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Public Art Matters Here!

Over the coming year, the Arts Commission's Public Art Committee will host a range of events to explore why "Public Art Matters," starting in September with the "Public Art is a Building Block Box-In" on Saturday, September 18 as part of the SPARKcon Festival in downtown Raleigh.



The "Box-In" will coincide with the unveiling of the new Art on City Plaza sculptures,

which will be dedicated on the same day. The Public Art Committee has designed a special build-it-yourself paper box that symbolizes public art as an essential building block for the creation of engaging, imaginative spaces. On September 18, Arts Commissioners and other volunteers will bring several large cardboard boxes, painted white, to City Plaza along with templates of the paper boxes. Besides building their own boxes to take with them, the public will be invited to paint, draw on, and write on the larger boxes, expressing what public art means to them.

For more info about "Public Art Matters," please go to www.raleighnc.gov/arts.

2010 Medal of Arts Ceremony

The Medal of Arts ceremony will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. in

Fletcher Opera Theater at the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts. This year's recipients are Ruth Green, community arts advocate and owner of the Little Art Gallery; William Ivey Long, five-time Tony award-winning Broadway costume designer; Nancy Olson, literary arts promoter and owner of Quail Ridge Books and Music; Dwane Powell, nationally recognized editorial cartoonist; J. Mark Searce, renowned classical composer; and Banks



C. Talley, Jr., long-time Raleigh cultural arts leader.

The Raleigh Medal of Arts is awarded for lifetime extraordinary achievement in the practice of, or in support of, local arts. Betty Ray McCain, former Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, will serve as mistress of ceremonies. The ceremony, in addition to the distinguished award recipients, will feature special guests including Larry Wheeler, Director of the North Carolina Museum of Art, Charles Frazier, noted author, and North Carolina Symphony's Grant Llewellyn, along with music and theatre performances.

The event is free and open to the public on a first-come, first served basis. For more info: www.raleighnc.gov/arts (click on Awards).

Piedmont Laureate Call for Applications

The Piedmont Laureate program will be accepting applications from creative nonfiction writers for 2011. **Deadline to apply is September 20, 2010.** Authors of works including biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, travel writings, and new journalism are eligible to apply. Writers must be residents of Alamance, Durham, Orange and/or Wake counties. For complete guidelines and application form, visit www.piedmontlaureate.com.

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Art on City Plaza

Three new sculptures have been installed on City Plaza in time for SPARKcon! The sculptures on exhibit for a period of one year will be "Yellow Tail" by Roger Halligan (Chattanooga, TN), "Summer and Spring" by Hanna Jubran (Grimesland, NC), and "Little Less" by Bill Wood (Fairfax, VA).



"Summer and Spring" by Jubran

The ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring Mayor Meeker and other art dignitaries will be

Saturday, September 18 at noon on the Plaza, in conjunction with SPARKcon Creativity Festival. *Art on City Plaza* is sponsored by the City of Raleigh Arts Commission, in partnership with Artspace and Visual Art Exchange.

For more info, visit www.raleighnc.gov/arts (click on news).

Block Gallery *rew/ffwd*

Opening next at the Block Gallery is *rew/ffwd* (rewind/fast forward), which will showcase the mixed media work of Georges Le Chevallier, the stencils of Garrett Scales, and in the cases, fashion and textile displays (curated by Traci Lamar, Ph.D. and Cynthia Istook, Ph.D.) created by NCSU College of Textiles'



students.

Rew/ffwd (rewind/fast forward) will open September 30 at the Block Gallery (222 W. Hargett St.), 5-7 p.m., with music by Yes! sputnik. Block2 Street Video Series will feature Random Acts of Kidness by A/V Geeks, airing dusk to 2 a.m. in the window of Urban Design Center (133 Fayetteville St.).

For more info, visit www.raleighnc.gov/arts (click on Block Gallery).

Great Art in the Parks: Sertoma Arts Center Call for Artists

The Sertoma Arts Center is currently taking proposals for the 2011 season from artists 18 years of age and up, residing and/or working in Wake County and surrounding areas.

The gallery encourages the display of new and emerging artists. Monthly exhibitions will be scheduled from January through December 2011. Space is available for two dimensional work in the Raleigh Room and hallway galleries, with space for three-dimensional work in display cases. Review and scheduling of applications will begin immediately and continue until November 5th, 2010.



*Stepping stones at
Sertoma Arts
Center*

For more information about the application process and to obtain a PDF of the application, please email julie.greenberg@raleighnc.gov with "**Attn: Gallery Submissions 2011**" in the subject line.

Images below: "Yellow Tail" by Roger Halligan, "Summer & Spring" by Hanna Jubran and "A Little Less Than Meets the Eye" by Bill Wood.



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